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SUBJ: ISRAELI REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION

REF: STATE 233519

1. POLCOUNSELOR REVIEWED BACKGROUND OF ISRAELI ISSUE IN UNESCO WITH ACTING JOINT SECRETARY (UN) VINAY VERMA SEPTEMBER 22. VERMA LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND SAID THAT MEA HAD ASKED MINEDUCATION FOR ITS VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT FOLLOWING INDIAN DCM VENKATESWARAN'S REPORT OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON LAST WEEK. VERMA EXPRESSED GREATEST INTEREST IN QUESTION OF WHETHER ISSUE WOULD BE PUT TO UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN TERMS OF UP-OR-DOWN VOTE IN ISRAEL OR AS PROCEDURAL ISSUE. HIS QUESTION IMPLIED THAT IF INDIA COULD HANDLE THE SITUATION AS A VOTE ON A PROCEDURAL RULE AFFECTING ALL COUNTRIES AS OPPOSED TO THE NEED TO SPECIFICALLY DECIDE AN ISRAELI ISSUE, THIS WOULD SIMPLIFY INDIA'S DECISIONS ON WHETHER TO SUPPORT ISRAELI INCLUSION IN UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION. POLCOUNSELOR OFFERED HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WOULD INDEED BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE FALL 1975 EXECBOARD'S RECOMMENDATION AS A GENERAL RULE FIRST, FOLLOWING WHICH ISRAELI INCLUSION IN EUROPEAN REGION WOULD APPEAR TO FOLLOW ESSENTIALLY AUTOMATICALLY SINCE EUROPEANS WOULD ENDORSE ISRAELI PARTICIPATION.

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VERMA SAID HE COULD NOT GIVE GOI VIEWS PENDING FURTHER

CONSULTATIONS BOTH WITHIN MEA AND MINED.

2. POLCOUNSELOR REFERRED TO POINTS A-C (PARA 6 REFTTEL)
IN GENERAL TERMS BUT DID NOT LABOR THEM, AND VERMA CLEARLY
UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEM.
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